

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 24 through page 4, line 7 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with the above stated objects, the grout, of the present invention comprises naturally rounded quartz particles, which have been permanently pigmented by firing or by ceramic ally bonding. The quartz particles are sized between approximately 50 and 140 mesh. The quartz particles are combined with ~~water born~~ water-borne polyurethane. The quartz particles become encapsulated within the polyurethane, which is largely transparent allowing the color of the quartz to show as the color of the grout as it appears to an observer. The quartz particles provide strength and provide a filler, which allows the polyurethane to cure properly when applied in the thickness of the material necessary to grout flooring, or other tile. The polyurethane provides the level of flexibility needed to cushion tile against breakage from shifting and shock loads received by the floor.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 14-19 with the following paragraph:

Another version of the present invention comprises the same naturally rounded quartz particles and a catalyzed, ~~water born~~ water-borne polyurethane, which is catalyzed with ~~isocyanite~~ isocyanate. The use of the catalyzed ~~water born~~ water-borne polyurethane produces a more durable grout and is more suitable for applications in areas where use is particularly heavy or where exposure to harsh chemicals is frequent.

Please replace the two paragraphs at page 5, line 5 through line 16 with the following two paragraphs:

The polyurethane component is comprised of a clear drying ~~water-born~~ water-borne polyurethane and a thickener, which is added to obtain a workable consistency. The grout can be applied, worked into grout lines between tiles and smoothed. It will remain in place and cure over a period of approximately twenty-four hours. The ~~water-born~~ water-borne polyurethane produce, W-191®, by C.F.I. Company is suitable. The latex thickener may be obtained from C.F.I. Company as well. Approximately 3 ounces of latex thickener are added to 5 gallons of the polyurethane to produce the polyurethane component of the present invention.

Another version of the present invention is provided for applications where use will be extremely heavy or where exposure to harsh chemicals is likely. This version includes the addition of ~~isocyanite~~ isocyanate in the proportion of approximately 20-50%, by volume, to the polyurethane component. The addition of ~~isocyanite~~ isocyanate will improve the capacity of the grout to resist penetration by petro-chemicals and detergents.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 4-8 with the following paragraph:

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that variations in the composition of components can be made without departing from the essence of the invention. For example, a latex or latex based component could be substituted for the ~~water-born~~ water-borne polyurethane or combined with it. Such a product would have inferior chemical resistant properties but would be suitable for many applications.